

DO NOT REMOVE
FROM THE FILE

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS JULY 1, 2002

ORDINANCE NO. 02-11-307

**Re: An Ordinance to Adopt an Insurance Billing for
Ambulance Transport Fee Program**

RECITALS

Pursuant to Section 2-8-6(b)(2) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Frederick County, 1979, the Board of County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., is charged to regulate all fire and rescue services in the County.

The Board of County Commissioners, with the advice and cooperation of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., has determined to institute an Ambulance Transport Fee Program under which a person transported by ambulance in the County will be billed a user fee and provide for the creation of a countywide subscription club, a membership benefit of which is the waiver of any financial responsibility arising out of an ambulance transport.

The Board of County Commissioners held a duly advertised public hearing on May 30, 2002, during which the public was given the opportunity to comment on the proposed Ambulance Transport Fee Program. The advertisements for the public hearing were published in the *Frederick News Post* on May 4, 2002, and May 11, 2002.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, that a new Section 1-2-65 as shown on the attached Exhibit A is hereby adopted; and

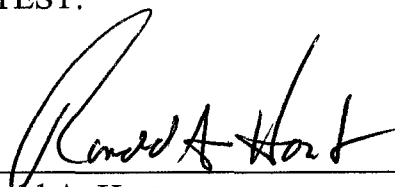
SANDRA K. DALTON

PC: CAO, EMERGENCY SERVICES, FCVFA, BUDGET, FINANCE, GRASSUCKER, FILE

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance will become effective on July 1, 2002, after a fair summary is published in the *Frederick News Post* on June 8, 2002, and a copy is filed with the Clerk of the Frederick County Circuit Court prior to June 30, 2002.

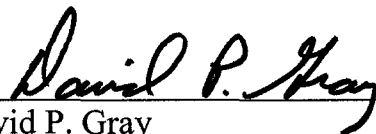
The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance was approved and adopted on the 30th day of May, 2002.

ATTEST:



Ronald A. Hart
County Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 

David P. Gray
President

MJC 6/10/02

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 1-2-65. AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE.

(A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AN AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH A PERSON TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE WILL BE BILLED A USER FEE.

(B) A PERSON TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE IS OBLIGATED TO PAY A FEE IN THE AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY SEPARATE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

(C) A SUBSCRIPTION CLUB IS OFFERED. MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT OF THE SUBSCRIPTION CLUB IS WAIVER OF ANY INSURANCE CO-PAY OR ANY USER FEE RESPONSIBILITY IF THERE IS NO INSURANCE COVERAGE.

(D) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR ITS DESIGNEE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE PROGRAM AND THE SUBSCRIPTION CLUB.

(E) MONIES COLLECTED FOR USER FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH THE ADVICE OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(F) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE PROGRAM AND THE SUBSCRIPTION CLUB WITH THE ADVICE OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.